

PARISH OF ST. FELIX HAVERHILL

SECOND SUNDAY in Ordinary Time PEACE SUNDAY

Sunday 15th January 2023 [Parish Mass book page 125]

Psalter – Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Sat. 21st January – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw, Ann O'Flanagan & Helen Burns Saturday 28th January – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley & Christine White

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 15th January - Jose Family & Ron Hefford Sunday 22nd January - Dear Friends,

'Behold the Lamb of God.'

At Mass, these words are spoken by the celebrant after the consecration and prior to Holy Communion. Every time we participate in the Holy Mass, we relive this moment in which John the Baptist saw our Lord coming to Him.

As we begin this season of Ordinary Time, we are invited to come to know this Lamb of God more fully through the many teachings, miracles, and actions he carried out during His public ministry. In the Liturgy of the Word, at every Mass, we are called to unpack these words of John the Baptist, coming to understand the mystery of the life of Christ more fully.

In our reception of Holy Communion, we come to know Him who is the Lamb of God in the most personal and intimate of ways, when we enter into holy union (Holy Communion) with Him.

We need to behold the Lamb of God within our heart, mind, and soul, and prayerfully seek to know Him more fully this day, and every day. Dcn Huw ©



Items for the newsletter should be sent to <u>stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com</u>

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

ALTAR SERVERS ANNUAL RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT



This is traditionally celebrated on St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day) but we have moved this event to this weekend, **at both our Sunday Masses**.

We pray for our Altar Servers and thank them for their dedication and service.

All Altar Servers are invited to serve at either Mass this weekend and renew their Commitment to service in our Parish community during Mass. We will also be welcoming 4 new members into the St Stephen's Guild.



THIS WEEK'S LEADERS & HELPERS

DATE	LEADER(S)	ADULT HELPERS	YOUNG HELPERS(12+)	CHILD Nos.
15th JANUARY 2023	CHRISTINE WHITE	M. Mathew		12

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Lord God. We pray for the on-going conflict in Ukraine. Our hearts cry out for mercy for those in danger and in fear. We pray for the bombs to stop, for the bullets to cease. We pray for peace to reign. We pray for the politicians, especially Putin to stop. Just stop. To seek the way of peace rather than the path of violence. We pray for peace to reign. We pray for world leaders to know wisdom, to love justice, to open their hearts and their borders to all those fleeing from bloodshed. We pray for peace to reign. Above all we pray for the people of Ukraine. Proect them, keep them safe, make them strong, Give them courage and give them hope. We pray, almighty God, for Your peace to reign. Amen.

[Dr. Justin Thacker, Christian Aid]



HYMNS Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15.01.2023

762 – At the Name of Jesus

600 – All That I Am

874 – Take My Life and Let It Be

768 – Our God Reigns

House Cleaning

One of our parishioners, Agnieszka Brodzik, offers house cleaning. For more details, please call Agnieszka on 07889 770586

PRAYER INTENTIONS

God our Father,

we pray for the many people who have asked for our prayers; for their healing and their peace. Hold them, shelter them and keep them in your tender care. Comfort those who grieve and give courage to those who are fearful. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

- Please pray for all people who have requested prayers through our 'Intentions Book'
- Please remember in your prayers members of our Parish who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.
- Pray for people who are lonely, or separated from family and friends
- Pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine, and for wise and just decisions from world leaders.
- Pray for all those people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that national leaders will work together responsibly and lead their nations in reducing 'greenhouse gases'.
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to meet their needs, especially those who are our local neighbours. Remember the work of 'REACH' in your prayers.
- Pray for prisoners, their families and those who work with them. Remember especially all those associated with HMP Highpoint.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn, Huw, the pupils and staff of St. Felix School and all the people of our parish.

Pray for all we know and love who have died, and for those who grieve. <u>Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:</u>

Ada Mahoney, Derek Cutler, Chervon Fitzpatrick, Clifford James, Donald O'Connor, Sarah-Ann Mc Daid, Margaret Shervitt, Lawrence Manley, Margaret Edwards, Hanna Kasperek, Lena Hogan, Veronica Fielden.

During Ordinary Time, up to Lent, we are asked to pray for:

Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Openess to the Word of God, Victims of Trafficking, The Sick and Those Who Care for Them, Unemployed People.

In January, **Pope Francis** asks us to pray with him for **Educators.** We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

PEACE SUNDAY 2023

This Sunday is PEACE SUNDAY and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together.

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <u>https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023</u> Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <u>https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x</u> or make a donation in church, there will be a basket on the font for your donations. Thank you.

Pope Francis Prayer for Peace Sunday 2023

God, our Creator and Redeemer, May we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer and have known only violence in their lives. Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard; those who know that there is no tomorrow in war, and that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life. That way, with your help, will we become true instruments of your peace. Amen (adapted from Pope Francis' Address for the World Day of Prayer for Peace, Assisi, 2016)

This prayer is available on a Pax Christi prayer card in the narthex for you to take home..

and for fellow lunatics the FIRST FULL MOON OF 2023



January's full moon reached maximum illumination on the evening of Friday 6th January but was concealed, for us, by cloud. By the time Ron H had managed to photograph it, I had, somewhat unusually, finished and sent out the newsletter! So a week later, here's the moon traditionally known as the

Wolf Moon.

It's thought that January's full Moon came to be known as the Wolf Moon because wolves were more likely to be heard howling at this time. Howling and other vocalizations are generally used to define territory, locate pack members, reinforce social bonds, and coordinate hunting. January's full Moon is also a "Micromoon" this year. Think of this as opposite to a "Supermoon" and it simply means that the full Moon is at its farthest point from Earth. As the Moon orbits Earth in an elliptical path, one side is nearer to Earth and one side is farther. January's Micro full Moon is about 252,600 miles from Earth. This distance does affect the appearance of the Moon's size and brightness.

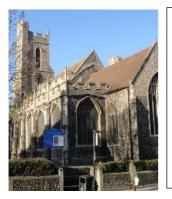
ANYONE IN NEED OF HELP IN THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS?

If you are aware of anyone who is, or will be, in serious need of help during the current and ongoing cost of living crisis, please speak to Fr. John or you can contact 'Reach'



Need help. Don't wait. Get in touch. Our friendly team of advisers are here, on hand to help you, so please do get in touch: 01440 712950

info@reachhaverhill.org.uk Contact hours: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m – 4.30 p.m Reach Haverhill: Get Support



REACH has opened a new hub on Fridays at St Mary's Church in Haverhill. The hub is open from 2 p.m-4 p.m where advisors will be giving out food, advice and other support. If you need help, please get in touch and make an appointment to see them today.

ST FELIX PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is being held on **Thursday 2nd February at 7p.m** in the Narthex at church. All are welcome to come along and join the members of our Parish Council for the meeting.

From this weekend there will be a box in the narthex for any questions, suggestions or items for discussion for our PPC meeting. The box will be available until the Sunday before the meeting. Paper is available next to the box for you to use and place in the box. All items will be discussed at the PPC meeting.

Thank you

2023 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK NOW AVAILABLE in the Narthex - £2.50 each

The latest edition of the Diocesan Newspaper is also available in the narthex – FREE!

PARISH FINANCES

COLLECTIONS/WEEKLY OFFERING & DONATIONS:

Collections for the weekend of 7th /8th January 2023:

 Standing orders:
 £296.00

 Collection:
 £391.50

 Total:
 £687.50

£151.70 for candles

Thank you for your generosity to our parish community

PASTORAL VISITING

If you are aware of someone who might benefit from a pastoral visit or someone who cannot get to church and might like to receive Holy Communion at home, please speak to Fr. John.

Thank you.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

... or at another time by request to Fr John.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK

Please feel free to enter any intentions in this book in the narthex, and these will be offered at all Masses.

[Please write '**YES**' beside your intention if you wish the intention to reach more people by being put in the Parish Newsletter, which also appears on the Parish website]

Thank you.

ST FELIX MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

[Masses celebrated in church are also live-streamed]

The link for our Live-Streamed Masses via our YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEHq3Ww93rfGfMGzXS25A2w/

[Sunday readings – Year A, weekday readings Year 1]

SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME [Peace Sunday]

Saturday 14 th January	Eucharistic Adoration 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.		
	Mass 6.30 p.m.	Derek Cutler RIP	
Sunday 15 th January	Mass 10.00 a.m. Filipino Mass 3.30 p.m.	People of the Parish	

Second Week of the Year

Wednesday 18 th January:	NO MASS TODAY				
Thursday 19 th January:	Mass 10.00 a.m.	Private Int.			
Friday 20 th January:	Mass 10.00 a.m.	Private Int.			
THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME [Sunday of the Word of God]					
Saturday 21 st January Eucharistic Adoration 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.					

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	Mass 6.30 p.m.	People of the Parish	
Sunday 22 nd January	Mass 10.00 a.m.		

If you need to speak with myself or Deacon Huw, please call me 01440 702156 or Deacon Huw on 07399 163718.

Wishing you and your families every blessing and prayers Fr John and Deacon Huw